

JEFFERSON COUNTY
LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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**THIS LETTER IS IMPORTANT. READ AND FOLLOW
INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

TO: Farmland Preservation Program Participants:

Enclosed is your Annual Certification Form. In order to take the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit (FPP) for the 2011 tax year, you must fill out the form and return it along with the \$5 Certification fee (checks made payable to LWCD) to the Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) by April 16, 2012. Submitting this form to our office later than April 16, 2012 will result in a late charge. See chart below.

You are eligible to claim the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit for 2011 if you filed a Farmland Preservation Tax Claim in 2010. The Jefferson County LWCD does not have access to tax records. **TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU TOOK THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT IN 2010, CHECK YOUR 2010 WISCONSIN STATE INCOME TAX RETURN.**

If you did not claim the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit in 2010 and wish to take the tax credit in 2011, call Nancy Lannert, Resource Conservationist at 920 674-7115 to determine your eligibility status.

A-1 farmland in Jefferson County is covered by Exclusive Ag Zoning. You need to use Wisconsin State Income Tax form SCHEDULE FC-A to claim your tax credit on your Jefferson County land.

As of January, 2010, eligibility for the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit changed. In addition to having and following an LWCD approved conservation plan, the following conservation standards must be met:

- You must have a nutrient management plan by September 30, 2012. **THIS APPLIES TO ALL CROPLAND; BOTH CASH GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK FARMS.**
- All State Conservation Standards concerning livestock and animal waste need to be met (if applicable) by December 31, 2014. These requirements are listed in detail on the annual Certification form.

Annual Certification received after:	Total Certification Fee Due:
April 16 th 2012	\$25
May 15 th 2012	\$35
June 15 th 2012	\$45
July 15 th 2012	\$55
August 15 th , 2012	\$65
September 15 th to October 31 st , 2012	\$75
After October 31 st , 2012	Removal from FPP

If you have questions regarding Working Lands Initiative/Farmland Preservation Program please contact Nancy Lannert at 920-674-7115 or Joe Strupp at 920-674-7483.